

THE GRADFORD'S FAMILY  
REUNION

Pascagoula, Mississippi  
(PasPoint Area)



THEME: "WE ARE THE FAMILY

WE ARE THE CHILDREN"

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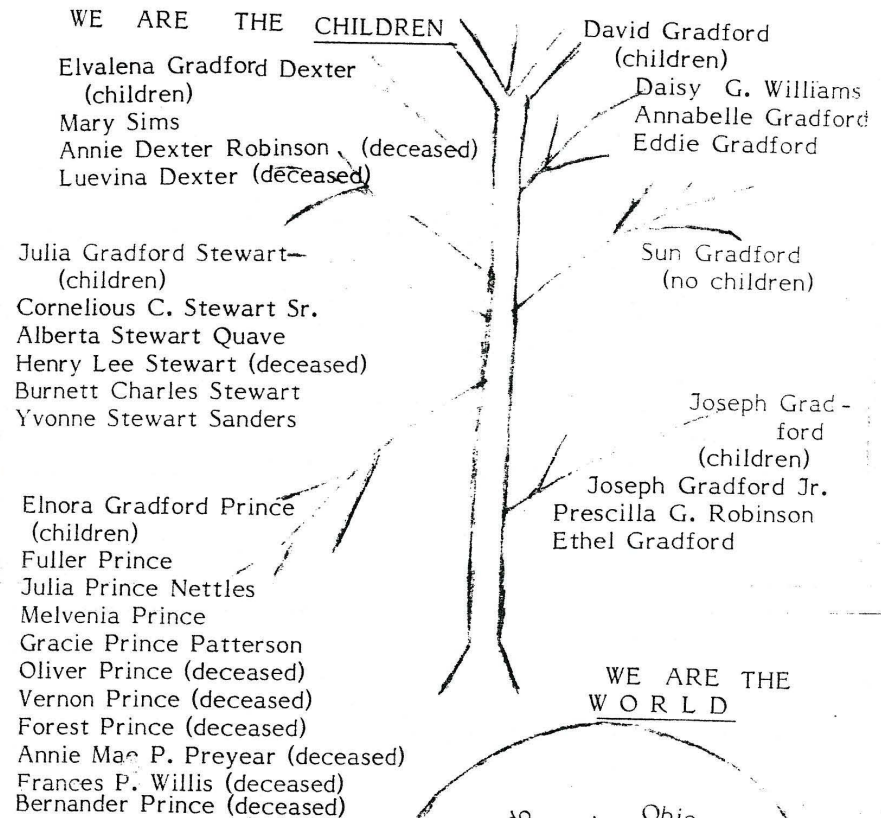
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A special note of thanks to all who played a part in putting together the Gradford's 1st. Family Reunion, may God forever bless each of you.

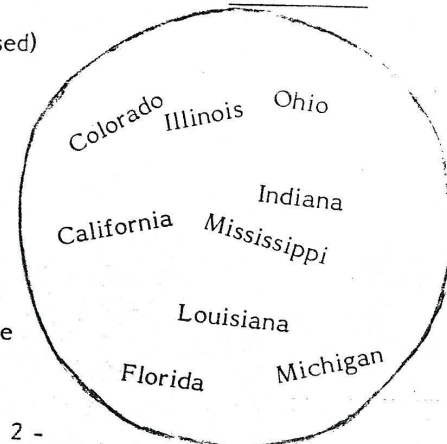
Edwin C. Quave, Chairman  
Ernestine S. Black, Secretary  
Diana S. Hathorn, Ass't Secretary

BEN GRADFORD and ANNIE BRAZLEY  
united in Holy Matrimony many years ago  
became  
ONE



"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that Curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed".

Genesis 12:3





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**WE ARE THE FAMILY**  
(Family Song)

There comes a time when we heed a certain call, when the world must come together as one. There are people dying and it's time to lend a hand to life the greatest gift of all: We can't go on pretending day by day that someone will soon make a change. We are all part of God's great big family and the truth you know love is all we need.

We are the world, we are the children, we are the ones who makes a brighter day so let's start giving; there's a choice we're saving our own lives, it's true we a make a better day just you and me.

Send them heart so they know that someone cares and their lives will be stronger and free, as God has shown us by turning stone to bread, and so we all must lend a helping hand.

We are the world, we are the children, we are the ones who makes a brighter day so let's start giving; there's a choice we're making, we're saving our own lives, it's true we a make a better day just you and me.

When you're down and out and there seems no hope at all, but if you just believe there's no way we can fall: let us realize that a change can only come when we stand together as one.

**Chorus:**

We are the world, we are the children, we are the ones who make a brighter day so let's start giving; there's a choice we're saving our own lives, it's true we a make a better day just you and me. (Repeat again and again)

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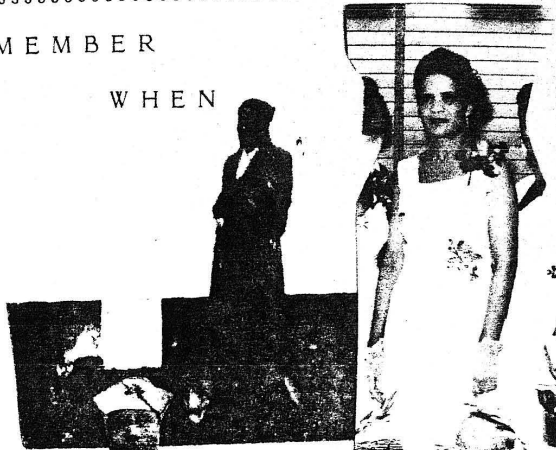
F Begat six children:  
A David Gradford  
M Sun Gradford  
I Joseph Gradford  
L Elnora Gradford Prince  
Y Julia Gradford Stewart  
Elvalena Gradford Dexter

From these six great people many families came forth:

Stewart	Banks	Prince
Dexter	Black	Hathorn
McInnis	Moore	McDowell
Prince	Clark	Dottery
Quave	Green	Sims
DeVile	Sanders	Anderson
Macon	Robinson	
King	Holloway	
Washington	Johnson	
Chestang	Richardson	
Patton		

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PROGRAMME CONTINUED.

P R O G R A M M E

Talent Show ..... Mrs. Denise S. Moore - In Charge  
Banquet  
Music ..... Mrs. Edith B. Richardson & Kenneth McInnis  
Memorial Service ..... Sim Black - In Charge  
Song . ..... Mrs. Mary N. Stewart  
Remarks  
Benediction ..... Rev. John H. Richardson

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July 28, 1985  
Sunday Morning Service  
11:00 AM  
The Greater Antioch Baptist Church  
Pascagoula, Mississippi  
Rev. John Davis, Pastor

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Picnic on the McInnis lawn after church  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim McInnis  
1910 McVey Court  
Pascagoula, Mississippi

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Souvenir Booklet Committee:  
Diana Hathorn  
Denise Moore  
Ernestine Black

Food Committee:  
Mary Stewart  
Helen Ouave  
Myrtis McInnis  
Edna Holloway

Finance Committee:  
Jim McInnis  
Roy D. Stewart Sr.  
C. C. Stewart, Jr.  
Edwin C. Quave

Music Committee:  
Edith B. Richardson  
Kenneth McInnis

Program Committee:  
Helen Quave  
Mary Stewart  
Edith Richardson

IN HONOR OF OUR DECEASED LOVE ONES:

Mr. Ben Gradford	Mr. Peter Brazley
Mrs. Annie Brazley Gradford	Mrs. Rosie Brazley
Mr. Mose Brazley	Mrs. Helen B. Williams
Mrs. Clarene Brazley Clark	Issac Brazley
Mrs. Martha Brazley	Rose M. Brazley
Mr. Willie Brazley	Carrie Brazley Tillman
Mrs. Emma Brazley	Mrs. Camelia Brazley
Mr. James Brazley	Ms Mineola Brazley
Rev. Joseph Gradford Sr.	Ms Berndetta Williams
Mr. Henry Stewart	Ms Jimmie Brazley
Mrs. Julia Gradford Stewart	Mr. Bertrand Brazley
Mr. Aaron Stewart Sr.	Ruth Brazley
Mrs. Maime Stewart	Finard Brazley
Mr. John Stewart	Eddie Brazley
Mrs. Sue Willie Stewart	
Mrs. Elnora Gradford Prince	
Mrs. Elnora Prince Willis	
Mr. Henry Lee Stewart	
Mrs. Annie Dexter Robinson	
Miss Luvenia Dexter	
Mr. George Dexter	
Mr. Allen George King	
Mr. Army Sims	
Mr. David Gradford	
Mr. Sun Gradford	
Mrs. Lucille Chestang Stewart	
Mrs. Geraldine Stewart Johnson	
Mr. Sam McDowell	
Mrs. Clarena McDowell	
Mr. Oliver Prince	
Mr. Vernon Prince	
Mr. Forest Prince	
Mrs. Annie Mae Prince Preyear	
Mr. Bernander Prince	

(THESE ARE ALL THE NAMES TURNED IN)

FAMILY POEM

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

John E. Bode

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side;  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

Oh, let me feel Thee near me;  
The world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me, and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passions,  
The murmurs of self-will.  
Oh, speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
Oh, speak, and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Oh, give me grace to follow  
My Master and my Friend

Amen.

AUTOGRAPH

Brazley

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Saturday night, July 27, 1985  
Assembly Building  
Fair Ground  
Pascagoula, Ms.

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TALENT SHOW

Denise M. Stewart Moore

Skit - What Gradford and Brazley Means to Us

Roy Dominic Stewart Jr., Narrator

G - Monica Moore

R - Edith M. Richardson, Jr.

A - John H. Richardson, Jr.

D - Selina Dottery

F - Pamela Stewart

O - Desmond Stewart

R - Terrance Banks

D - Brian McCovery

B - Lorenzo Moore

R - Martha Stewart

A - Kenya McInnis

Z - Rogena D. Black

L - Myron Stewart

E - Rodrick Moore

Y - Shan Stewart

Duet ..... Monica Moore

Edith Maria Richardson, Jr.

Reading ..... Trina Jones

Ballet ..... Amazing Grace .... Rogena D. Black

Poem ..... O Jesus, I Have Promised ... Regina Quave

Soft music by Edith B. Richardson

Study to shew thyself approved unto God  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed  
rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sim Black

Candle Light Ceremony

Ralph B. Clark ..... Ben Gradford

Olga M. Brazley Chestang ... Annie B. Gradford

Elvalena Gradford Dexter ... Mary Sims  
(daughter)

Elnora Gradford Prince .... Fuller Prince  
(son)

David Gradford .....Mrs. Chrisitine Mack proxy  
Mrs. Daisy Gradford Williams

Rev. Joseph Gradford .... Priscilla G. Robinson  
(daughter)

Julia Gradford Stewart ... Cornelious C.Stewart Sr.  
(son)

Sun Gradford .....

Remarks

Prayer ..... Sim Black

For we know that if our earthly  
house of the tabernacle were  
dissolved, we have a building  
of God, an house not made with  
hands, eternal in the heavens.

II Corinthians 5:1